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Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We understand the FCC has opened a docket for public comment on the recently announced acquisition of T-Mobile by AT&T. Enclosed, please find comments from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on the announced acquisition.

The NAACP believes that AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile has the potential to benefit consumers, communities and workers alike. AT&T has scored among the highest ranked in the telecommunications industry for its commitment to diversity in terms of procurement, philanthropy, promotion and hiring, among other criterion at the federal, state and local levels on the NAACP Economic Reciprocity Initiative National Industry Report card.

We are hopeful that this acquisition will further advance increased access to affordable and sustainable wireless broadband services and in turn stimulate job creation and civic engagement throughout our country. Wireless broadband is an integral tool in promoting civic engagement and as such is crucial to voter empowerment.

We respectfully ask that you please include our comments in the WT: 11-65 docket.

Sincerely

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